



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2025 | LIVING HOPE FOR EXILES

## DISCUSS

### Read 1 Peter 3:8-12

- Verses 8–9 give us a list of things we should and shouldn't do as believers. Which of these do you find easy to live out? Which are more challenging?
- Our words carry weight. Where else in Scripture do we see teaching on the power of words?
- Verse 11 calls us to seek peace and pursue it. What are some tangible ways you can keep peace in your relationships and in your church community?
- Verse 12 describes the Lord's eyes and ears toward the righteous. What does this verse reveal about God's character?

### Read 1 Peter 3:13-17

- Verse 14 reminds us that suffering can come with an eternal reward. When you think of God rewarding faithfulness through trials, what rewards come to mind? (Examples: deeper faith, eternal life, future glory...)
- Peter challenges us to always be prepared to share our story. Do you feel equipped to tell your story of faith if someone asked? Why or why not?
- Verse 16 says our conduct should show gentleness and respect. How do our words and actions impact the way unbelievers view the gospel?

### Read 1 Peter 3:18-22

- This passage shows baptism as a sign pointing to Jesus and His saving work, not anything we've done. How does this truth deepen your understanding of salvation?
- Water shows up in scripture as both judgment and grace (the flood, the Red Sea, etc.). How does baptism point to both themes?
- How does seeing someone baptized encourage unity and strengthen our faith as a church family?

## TAKE ACTION

*Share your story:* Take five minutes this week to share what God has done in your life with someone. It could be a friend, coworker, or family member. (You can structure it like the following: your life before you knew Jesus, meeting Jesus and choosing to follow him, and the differences you now experience by knowing him).

Start group next week by connecting about this and who you got to share with!